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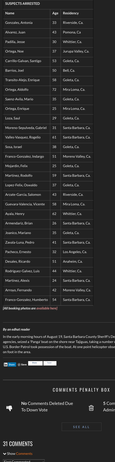


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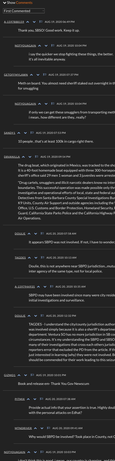
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Update by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

At approximately 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's detectives, patrol deputies, and personnel with other agencies executed a search warrant at the Arroyo Quemado Ranch, which is located in the 4000 block of Arroyo Quemado Road in Santa Barbara County. The ranch is approximately 20 miles from Lompoc. The search warrant was executed by members of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Air Support Unit, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Aero Bureau, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Gang Unit, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Crime Lab, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau, the California Highway Patrol Air and Coastal Division Air Operations. This intersection was part of an extensive investigation and cooperative effort of the agencies involved.



"Today's seizure of a perpetual illicit drug smuggling more than a ton and a half of methamphetamine into our county and the arrests of the 33 suspects involved in this criminal enterprise are outstanding results," said Sheriff Bill Brown. "This is the largest methamphetamine seizure in the history of Santa Barbara County. Many cartels, smugglers and illicit narcotic dealers know no international, state or local boundaries. This successful operation was a culmination of the combined resources, knowledge, expertise and operational efforts of local, state and federal authorities. We will never know how many lives were saved from overdose or addiction as a result of this operation, but we know that the number is significant."



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SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Name	Age	Residency
Gonzalez, Antonio	20	Riverside, Ca.
Alvarez, Juan	19	Fresno Ca.
Padilla, Jesse	30	Whittier, Ca.
Ortega, Rene	27	Juniper Hills, Ca.
Carrillo-Galvan, Santiago	38	Goleta, Ca.
Barrios, Joel	30	Bell, Ca.
Trasobio-Alejo, Enrique	58	Goleta, Ca.
Ortega, Alfredo	73	Mira Loma, Ca.
Saenz-Avila, Mario	35	Goleta, Ca.
Ortega, Enrique	28	Mira Loma, Ca.
Lizzo, Raul	39	Goleta, Ca.
Moreno-Sepulveda, Gabriel	31	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Valles-Vasquez, Rogelio	41	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Sosa, Israel	38	Goleta, Ca.
Franco-Gonzalez, Isidoro	51	Moreno Valley, Ca.
Mogadio, Felix	25	Goleta, Ca.
Martinez, Rodolfo	39	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Lopez-Felix, Oswaldo	37	Goleta, Ca.
Acuate-Garcia, Solomon	43	Riverside, Ca.
Guevara-Valencia, Vicente	34	Mira Loma, Ca.
Avalos, Henry	42	Whittier, Ca.
Armendaris, Brian	24	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Juarico, Mariano	25	Goleta, Ca.
Duarte-Lizzo, Hector	41	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Partiero, Ernesto	32	Los Angeles, Ca.
Despins, Ricardo	51	Anaheim, Ca.
Rodriguez-Salinas, Luis	48	Whittier, Ca.
Martinez, Alexis	24	Santa Barbara, Ca.
Arroyo, Fernando	42	Moreno Valley, Ca.
Franco-Gonzalez, Humberto	19	Santa Barbara, Ca.

[All booking photos are available here]

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ALLSTARBILLER ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | MAY 27, 2020 04:04 PM | REPLY

Thank you, 5850! Good stuff. Keep it up.

NOTTOOSAVVY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 14, 2020 12:04 PM | REPLY

I say the quicker we stop fighting these things, the better.
It's all inevitable anyway.

LETSPUTSOMELIGHT ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 24, 2020 07:07 PM | REPLY

Meth on board. You almost need sheriff stoked out overnight in that spot. Its a very known spot for smuggling.

NOTTOOSAVVY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 24, 2020 10:50 PM | REPLY

If only we can get these smugglers transporting meth to doing meth.
I mean, how different are they, really?

SANDY1 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 25, 2020 07:23 AM | REPLY

Ill people , that's all have 100s in cargo right there.

SANDY1 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 25, 2020 07:31 PM | REPLY

The drug hook, which originated in Mexico, was tracked to the shore of Arroyo Quemado beach. It is a 10-hook transoceanic hook equipped with 2,000 feet of monofilament line. The drug haul, which weighs 3,000 pounds, was found in the bed of a pickup truck parked at the ranch. Investigators also found evidence of methamphetamine in the Main Jail for suspicious item(s), and transportation of narcotics for sales. The suspects, Jose Gonzalez, Ricardo Morales and Jose Rodriguez, were booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail. Bail for each suspect was set at $1 million. Two other suspects, Jose Ramirez and Jose Gonzalez, were booked into the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office pending review by the United States Attorney.

DOUG ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 26, 2020 07:18 AM | REPLY

It appears SANTA was not involved. If not, I have to wonder, why not?

TAG001 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 26, 2020 10:57 AM | REPLY

Thanks, this is not anywhere near 3000's justification, mutual aid with SC DA's is just for inter agency of the same type, not for local police.

A_CONFUSED ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 26, 2020 11:31 AM | REPLY

3000's may have been involved when some city residents perhaps part of any initial investigations and surveillance.

DOUG ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 26, 2020 12:22 PM | REPLY

TAG001, I understand the city/county jurisdiction authority. I don't agree Ventura SO was involved simply because it is also a sheriff's department and not a police department. Ventura SO has no jurisdiction in Santa Barbara County. Given those circumstances, it is very disturbing that 3000's and SBSO often assist one another in many of their investigations that cross each others jurisdictions. Map just be a simple explanation some that would take the FO from the article. If the FO was not involved, I'm sure they would have stated that. Regardless of the reason for the FO, investigators should be commended for their work leading to this seizure.

GLENN1 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 29, 2020 03:51 PM | REPLY

Bone and release em Thank You Cpo Newsom

PITMA ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 29, 2020 07:38 AM | REPLY

Provide actual info that your assertion is true. Highly doubt that it is. What is going on with the personal attacks on Edhat?

RITABOOKER ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:55 AM | REPLY

Why would SBPD be involved? Dark Corners, not City.

NOTTOOSAVVY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 04:04 PM | REPLY

I don't think this is good. I mean, our country is changing , and this type of stuff needs to change too. I was 17 when I went to a one time by land. And I can make this matter. Life would not do. But it has to come.
we have to be in into mexico , and south america. we can't have it. the guy will be closed. from the border.
to Spain..
this land was made for you . bling addicts and violence and me.

SAILOR ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:51 AM | REPLY

NOTTOOSAVVY: how do you do line breaks like that in your comments? Can anyone do that?

ALTAGUEZ ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 04:39 PM | REPLY

Swipes, I think
ans ctrl
hit the
enter key to do the line breaks.
As usual, it seems no one keyboard.

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CHALLENGEDGUY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:50 AM | REPLY

I wonder how many levels clipped through for exact one that is caught by the sheriff. There are probably at least three hiding in this mustache waiting for a noonime night.

SANDY1 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 04:04 PM | REPLY

That Super Sab semi could use a shiny new MOAB. :)

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PITMA ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 07:41 AM | REPLY

They've only ever had one stop of meth shipments into the US? Not true. Very difficult to stop the ice from illegal drug lords. Maybe we can make the truckers 'jobs so they don't have to do there enhancement?

PITMA ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 07:48 AM | REPLY

you are aware that the ingredients in meth, are inside your "allergy" medicine you take daily, and have to have its 'function' Don't forget the the US GOV, forms of this drug that are created in many corner of the globe under the guise of "meth" - I agree with PR, muzzle stop making it and let it die! 100s a day to make enough money to survive.

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HOOKER ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 07:48 AM | REPLY

Kissing that face, high on meth
Sweet lies and promises I can't speak
Trouble ahead, trouble behind
And you know that nothin just moved me one bit
This old engine makes it on time
Rain keeps falling down all around my face
Hills, chasin' tickets' an a motorcycle ride
As a quarter to bet you know it's it worth' again
I am around New York El people on the loose
There is some grief Coast Guard footage of previous Peregrinosin on SWOS.

CHALLENGEDGUY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:50 AM | REPLY

https://www.edhat.net/news/sheriff-largest-drug-bust-in-county-history-nets-33-arrests#comment-1

Does anyone else find it odd that some of these people are listed with US addresses? Are we sure this land originated in Mexico? Wouldn't SHO have eyes on this border?

J_A ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 12:26 PM | REPLY

Of course they had California addresses. They were supposed to be the last mile mules. It's a lot of work getting a ton and a half of meth from the beach to the freeway. Mexico doesn't have the infrastructure to get it that far. Plus, the Coast Guard and Customs and Coastal Patrol would've heard it and alerted the locals but aren't the HP's under operation?

ALIENTRAVELER ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:51 AM | REPLY

This is criminal enterprise here, pervasive up to Santa Barbara and Goleta. It exists than criminal enterprise. We don't want them destroying our town or our community. That is as big business as many of them back to their country, and not letting them catch on they were being watched. Drugs do not belong in Santa Barbara. Zero tolerance is the only message we need to send out.

A_CONFUSED ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:50 AM | REPLY

Thank you to our local policing agencies and federal government for this impressive action. This results like a long investigation with many agencies involved. A substantial amount of narcotics seized and what looks to be a large conspiracy of California gang activity. Hopefully this will eliminate at least some of the trafficking that's been rogue in Goleta, as well as many other locations.

SAILOR ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 09:57 AM | REPLY

Mind boggling hunt - Brave!

TAG001 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 10:26 AM | REPLY

Why did they change the photo of the pangs hook here with the 3, 000 lbs meters to the piece of junk crew was entertained with on station? Not to mention, we haven't seen nor have made public the photos of the drug sniffing K9 clown what actually happened here with crew ops of the clothing and gas containers.

TAG001 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 11:12 AM | REPLY

Check that...it was just a dead photo of the original pangs.....should a looked at the crew to check how many of that stuff made it to Thanks law enforcement!

ALTAGUEZ ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 03:17 PM | REPLY

Nice to see one good bust after all the empty hooks that have been found on our shorelines. Sure is a hoot to see many of that stuff made it to Thanks law enforcement!

CHALLENGEDGUY ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 03:22 PM | REPLY

Does anyone seriously believe the cartels are behind this? These are small fry, the real quantities are handled off-to-offshore ports of fishing boats and container ships offshore.

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SANDY1 ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 04:04 PM | REPLY

Bed Rift, Folds doesn't Nod up Angry and Lucky now.

Your comment has been posted.

HOOKER ▲ 0 ▼ 0 | AUG 30, 2020 04:51 PM | REPLY

I found it said 33 people could of been on the boat with all that meth...sounds like the cartels are turning on each other. Adios MOLES!
(It is the highest ritual for free reasons , what a coincidence!
Sometimes the cartels get already get nervous about, you heard from CDC that it is very bad just 30 minutes ago.
Can't wait to see omega boob's full of covid refugees on the coast next year this time!! To hell with the meth, we need the hydrocarbon gas!

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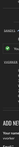
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